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Retreats Over

The two final laymen's retreats have en held, making a total of six. The st two were at Cazadero, the third at e Drobish Ranch near Marysville, the urth at Vallicita near Angels Camp, the th at Tulare, and the sixth at Mount ermon. The Commission provided a am of four leaders for each one. Each am consisted of a layman, a pastor, a ember of the faculty of Pacific School Religion, and either the Superintend- nt or the Field Secretary of the Confer- nce. Attendance at some of the retreats as disappointingly small. There were ot as many at any of them as there ould have been. Each man was asked give his frank appraisal and criticism. Vith very few exceptions the testimony as enthusiastic. In some instances men eclared that it had been the greatest piritual experience of their lives.

The new Laymen's Commission will ive deep study to what has been accom- lished in order that its program for the oming year may be worked out with the reatest possible effectiveness. The first neeting of the Commission will be on December 21. Plans will undoubtedly be aid for the first visit of the new national irector of laymen's work.

AT PLYMOUTH HOUSE

Two new features have been introduced o the program of Plymouth House dur- ng the last month. Both of these have een made possible through the cooper- ation of Charles Black, minister of music t First Congregational Church. A group of some twenty students have formed a Plymouth House choir. Mr. Black is also conducting a program of recorded music n Plymouth House during the Thursday noon hour each week. Students bring heir lunch and then enjoy a selection of classical music.

Plymouth House was given a thorough renovating during a Saturday cleanup ar- ranged by Don Weaver, Chairman of the Operations Committee. Some 25 mem- bers joined in the task, which included the painting of the game room and the varnishing of the assembly room floors.

The Wednesday evening cooperative dinners, which have been a feature of P. H. now for some time, had the largest attendance during October and Novem- ber yet recorded. The students joined in the fall seminar series presented by First Congregational Church and enjoyed an outstanding group of speakers and dis- cussion leaders. The largest attendance of young people was at the seminar held in P.H. and conducted by Rev. Vere V. Loper and Rev. J. Ford Forsyth on "Prep- aration for Marriage and Home Life."

In cooperation with other student groups on the campus Plymouth House is preparing for participation in the World Student Service Fund campaign. The goal for University of California has been set at $4,000.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 27-30—Pilgrim Fellowship Midwinter Conference, Lodi.
January 14—Annual meeting Northern California Council of Churches.
January 30—Annual Meeting, Federation of Congregational Women, Grace United Church, San Francisco.
February 11, 12, 13—Pastoral Conference, Pacific School of Religion.
April 6—Easter.

LODI DRAWS N. CAL. YOUTH

Key young people from all areas of our Conference will assemble at Lodi December 27 to 30 for the annual Pilgrim Fellowship Midwinter Conference.

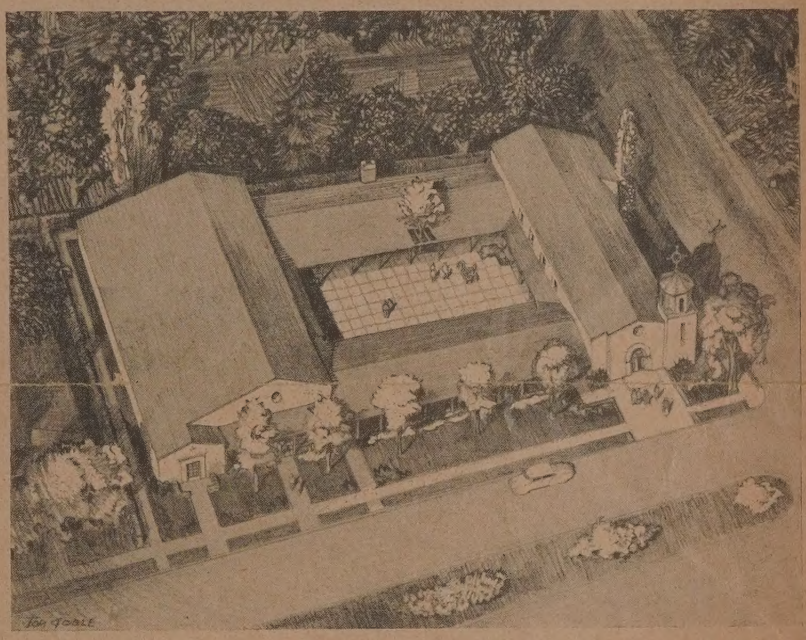
It is expected that the limit of 200 full-time registered delegates will have been reached by the time The Pacific goes to press, but special attention is called to the all-day Sunday program which is open to unlimited attendance.

Beginning at 9:15 a. m. with a talk by Rev. Rikki Brown of Scotland, and continuing until the evening communion service, the December 29 program is expected to draw carloads of delegates who cannot attend the full three-day conference. Advance registration is necessary to guarantee a place at the evening banquet (registration 50c, and banquet $1; send to Midwinter Registrar, First Congregational Church, Lodi); but others may come at will and pay the 50c registration at the door.

Sunday afternoon features an interdenominational rally, with the theme "United Youth for United Church." Greetings from Mexico by Larry Stanton, from Europe by Rikki Brown, from the United Christian Youth by Vince Evenson, and a talk by Rev. Clinton Campbell of the U.C.Y.M., will be included, together with worship, song, drama, and recreation.

Workshop groups at Midwinter 1946 will be of two kinds: one stressing the proposed merger with the Evangelical and Reformed Church, the other stressing the work of local officers and groups for more effective Christian faith and service.

Director Eugene Haynes has lined up a fine faculty. President Bruce MacKenzie will preside at the business sessions, and Mrs. Ivy Alexander will preside in the dining room. Lodi folks are working hard, too, to make it a fine meeting.



Artist's drawing of the building being planned by Fresno, First Church, as it would appear from the air. The recent campaign brought in nearly $72,000 in cash and pledges, which, with previous gifts, brings the total to more than $100,000, three-fifths of which is in cash. This is in addition to the cost of the new site, which was $9,500. A great victory dinner will be held in January.

PASTORAL CONFERENCE

The dates for the Pastoral Conference to be held at the Pacific School of Religion will be February 11, 12, 13. Lewis Mumford, author of **"The Condition of Man,"** is to be the Earl Lecturer. Other lecturers on the Earl Foundation will include Dr. Elbert M. Conover, expert in Church Architecture, and Dr. Albert Peel, Secretary of the Congregational Church of England and Wales. Negotiations are under way with several speakers, and further details will appear in following issues of The Pacific.

THE MOST IS TOO LITTLE

In these days we all think of the Christmas lists, the shopping, the joy of homecoming, and all that goes with Christmas. We should also be thinking of families where there will be no homecoming, where there can be no shopping, where Christmas will bring distress rather than joy. With our giving to those we love, let us extend in the spirit of Christian love our gifts to others around the world. Henry Luce, editor of Life, Time, and Fortune, has said, "The only money which has any chance to turn the crisis of our time into triumph is the money given in His name," and Dr. Leslie B. Moss of Church World Service adds, "The most we can do will still be too little."

In the November issue of Social Action Magazine, entitled "UNRRA and After," the appeal of the people in war devastated countries is put in this dramatic form:

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"Just right for making their meals on, saves much confusion—our own hand-painted baby lamb design on a plastic tray. $14.95, Sixth Floor. (Christmas Catalog from Lord & Taylor, New York City, 1946.)

"In Berlin a German woman refugee from Pomerania broke down and wept in an embarrassing and rather dreadful gratitude when I gave her a small tin of condensed milk for her child, who, she said—and whose looks bore out her words—had had virtually no food for three days. (Manchester Guardian, Oct. 15.)

"Did you hear her say she wanted a warm and pretty-making negligee? Here it is—our all-wool Botany brand robe with rayon crepe panels. Aqua with fuchsia, purple with cerise, chartreuse with Chinese red, cerise with petal blue. $35. Fourth Floor.

"Women have been seen in Berlin straining the waste paper from the kitchen sink of a house where there was an Allied mess. (Manchester Guardian, Oct. 15.)

"What woman wouldn't give her eyeteeth for a three-quarter length striped wild Canadian mink coat with the new sleeve fulness, $3,500. Third Floor."

—From "Shall Europe Starve," a pamphlet published by Politics magazine.

Send your gifts for the Postwar Emergency Program to Supt. Harley H. Gill, 1164 Phelan Building, San Francisco 2, California.

EVANGELISM

The Conference on Evangelism sponsored by the national Commission was held in Bakersfield November 14-15. The Committees on Evangelism of the Northern and Southern California Conferences had invited a number of pastors and laymen. From Northern California there were 20 in attendance—14 pastors, 4 lay people, and Field Secretary Meyer and Superintendent Gill. Speakers on the program included Dr. E. C. Farnham, Secy. of the Southern California Council of Churches; Dr. Guy Black, expert on Visitation Evangelism; Dr. Henry David Grey of the Oneonta Congregational Church, and Superintendents Dreier and Gill.

LET'S LISTEN

Congregationalists will be interested in the following schedule of programs conducted by some of our leaders over Columbia's Church of the Air, Local Radio Station KQW:

Dec. 22, 7-7:30 AM—Russell Henry Stafford, D.D., President of The Hartford Seminary Foundation.

Feb. 2, 7-7:30 AM—The Rev. Arthur Wheelock, minister of Church in the Highlands, White Plains, N. Y.

March 23, 7:30-8 AM—Truman B. Douglass, D.D., Executive Vice President of The Board of Home Missions, New York City.

April 20, 7-7:30 AM—The Rev. Roy A. Burkhart, D.D., minister of First Community Church, Columbus, Ohio.

June 29, 7-7:30 AM—The Rev. Everett A. Babcock, Superintendent of The Ohio Conference.

July 27, 7-7:30 AM—The Rev. Howard Stone Anderson, D.D., minister of First Congregational Church of Washington, D. C.

Aug. 17, 7:30-8 AM—To be presented in connection with the Religious Radio Workshop at the University of Chicago.

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Last Stretch

The end of the year draws nigh. Receipts from the churches on regular benevolences up to November 30 are shown in the middle column, and by comparison with the first column, gains and losses can quickly be checked. The total gain for the year is just about 35 per cent. Again and again our National Headquarters reminds us, that to do our part toward the reaching of the goal needed requires a gain of 40 per cent. This means that during the remaining month heroic efforts must be made. Let each church study the list, see that all moneys collected are remitted, make a last minute effort in the Sunday School and the various groups of the church. Perhaps some individuals will be glad to make contributions. As in previous years, the books will be held open up to and including January 10. In order to count for 1946 the money should be in the office in time to be deposited in the bank before 3 o'clock of the 10th. We have much to give us encouragement; let us not fail in these last few days.

	App't. Jan. 11 to Nov. 30 1945	App't. Jan. 11 to Nov. 30 1946	C.W.V.R. 1946
Adin	$ 52.80	$ 34.14	$ 51.29
Alameda	976.40	1,380.90	855.38
Alturas	87.69	148.06	133.39
Angels Camp	153.00	155.00	185.59
Antioch	87.74	66.20	.....
Auburn	145.50	182.85	169.00
Benicia	230.00	.....	219.56
Berkeley—			
Arlington	101.60	94.85	96.50
Chinese	.....	10.00	51.81
First	5,770.59	8,774.36	4,993.76
North	605.39	645.07	495.25
Northbrae	334.50	.....	85.00
South	546.54	538.56	136.02
	.....	.....	100.00
Biola	154.00	193.50	84.00
Campbell	.....	101.25	.....
Cedarville	91.99	74.54	3.00
Cloverdale	85.00	75.00	35.00
Cotati	69.89	71.57	22.98
Crockett	121.40	.....	120.00
Elk Grove	.....	10.14	.....
Etna	426.53	692.45	591.35
Eureka	65.94	82.95	.....
Fairfax	347.25	343.68	334.19
Ferndale			
Fresno—			
First	1,150.00	1,055.00	1,027.30
Pilgrim	414.62	560.00	157.87
Zion	185.00	.....	.....
Glen Ellen	51.00	160.00	220.00
Grass Valley	.....	25.00	.....
Guerneville	91.82	82.26	169.35
Hayward	200.00	10.00	418.21
Kenwood	11.46	16.40	47.20
Lodi—			
Ebenezer	.....	.....	1,970.64
First	1,609.00	3,922.50	5,320.50
Loleta	89.15	7.62	.....
Loomis	80.18	300.00	5.00
Martinez	461.93	989.92	451.13
Murphys	83.40	81.00	18.00
Niles	55.00	50.00	150.00
Oakland—			
First	4,890.00	5,774.40	1,326.62
Fruitvale	45.00	56.50	10.00
Japanese	15.00	30.00	.....
Pilgrim	63.00	108.96	181.31
Plymouth	1,142.11	1,241.00	3.00
Orinda	215.80	365.15	99.75
Oroville	330.60	953.23	500.40
Pacific Grove	329.95	287.10	.....
Palo Alto	1,025.00	1,100.00	600.00
Paradise	250.00	400.00	.....
Parlier	.....	25.00	.....
Penngrove	78.50	28.40	41.26
Pescadero	10.00	.....	81.01
Petaluma	881.70	1,011.00	.....
Pittsburg	267.52	273.11	80.10
Port Chicago	37.56	39.94	73.00
Porterville	800.00	1,100.00	725.00
Reedley	25.00	.....	.....
Redwood City	684.04	793.19	373.99
Rio Vista	220.00	256.40	84.60
Ripon	256.45	293.92	218.95
Sacramento—			
First	900.00	1,425.00	1,010.00
Sierra Arden	.....	45.49	.....
Salida	126.00	60.00	53.00
San Carlos	230.20	300.40	143.15
San Francisco—			
Bethany Missn. Pk.	225.00	269.02	79.68
Chinese	.....	126.00	30.00
First	558.27	1,398.88	371.30
Ocean View	91.15	75.00	15.00
Park Presidio	187.00	241.43	167.00
Sanger	.....	.....	247.32
San Jose	559.82	983.52	594.97
San Leandro	239.55	158.26	6.00
San Lorenzo	.....	.....	50.00
San Mateo	820.95	810.73	59.00
San Rafael	89.00	42.55	.....
Santa Cruz	725.00	940.00	232.00
Santa Rosa	177.20	286.46	35.00
Saratoga	533.97	387.56	177.84
Sebastopol	315.50	368.52	177.40
Sonoma	132.69	231.50	151.63
Soquel	90.00	101.00	99.00
Stockton	708.80	828.48	539.92
Suisun	109.00	136.54	117.20
Sunnyvale	85.31	111.79	.....
Tulare	565.00	685.33	.....
Weaverville	150.00	100.00	65.56
Woodside	23.80	11.50	92.43
Reno, Nevada	564.04	805.04	228.21
*Misc. and Individual	984.16	2,176.40	2,677.42
	$35,694.95	$48,178.47	$30,537.29

* Some small gifts for the Conference from our German speaking churches are included in the miscellaneous items. Their main giving goes to the treasury of the National German Conference.

Unit Plan Cheers

The office of the Unit Plan reports that Northern California is at the very top of the list of all the states in the percentage of the year's goal that has thus far been raised. As of Nov. 15th, Mr. N. F. Sanderson had been instrumental in gathering almost 200 per cent of the annual amount expected. This means that in one more year our entire share can be secured, bringing the total of $30,000 in five years instead of the ten originally planned. Mr. Sanderson reports that the Lodi Church has thus far given nine units, Palo Alto seven units, Rio Vista three and one-half units, Niles three units, and San Mateo three units. Petaluma deserves credit for it gives two units a year even though it went over the top in the old Debt of Honor Campaign.

OUR CHRISTMAS FUND

It is a happy habit with many of our people to share in the Christmas Fund. Gifts should be sent to "The Christmas Fund," Board of Home Missions, 287 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y. This extra help to aged ministers or their widows means more than ever before because of the skyrocketing of prices. One hardly dares to think of how these veterans of the Cross can "get by" when their fixed income is only a few hundred dollars a year.

NOW AVAILABLE

"Our Response to the World's Need," the Program of Action adopted by the General Council at Grinnell last June, is now in pamphlet form and available at the Conference office for 10 cents a copy. Those ordering 5 or more copies can secure them at 5 cents each. Moderator Albert W. Palmer believes that every church should have study groups giving careful and concentrated attention to this document. It is hoped that our Northern California churches will take this advice seriously.

GREETINGS FROM GORDON FOSTER

Rev. Gordon L. Foster, formerly of Santa Rosa, is keeping very busy. Besides studying at Columbia University and Union Theological Seminary, he assists with the publication of Christianity and Crisis, and also is teaching in the Department of Religion at Vassar College.

LET'S GO

The annual dinner meeting of the Northern California - Western Nevada Council of Churches is scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 14th, at 6:30 in the Scottish Rite Building in Oakland. Bishop Bruce Baxter, of Portland, will be the speaker. An attendance of 1,100 is expected. A reservation at $1.25 per plate should be made through the Council office at 220 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco 2.

REFORMATION DAY

Reformation Day was observed by the churches of the Sonoma Valley at a union service in the Methodist Church in Sonoma. A combined choir furnished music and Protestant ministers in the Valley participated.

AN OLD TIME FRIEND

Rev. Alfred W. Hare, who has for many years been connected with Park Church, Los Angeles, but who holds ministerial standing in this Conference, has celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination. He sends through the editor of The Pacific to his many friends in Northern California his greetings and good wishes.

WELCOMED

Rev. and Mrs. Homer Schwarz welcomed into their home on December 2nd a new little daughter, Karen Lynette. An older brother, Grayson Lee, and a sister, Chrystina Louise, also greeted her. Incidentally, there are two happy and proud grandparents, Prof. and Mrs. Hugh Vernon White.

CHAPLAIN MORGAN IN MEMPHIS

Chaplain Victor H. Morgan, who holds the rank of Commander in the U. S. Navy, is at the Naval Air Technical Training Center in Memphis, Tenn. His duties with the Navy will cease on June 30th. Mrs. Morgan and the children are living in Memphis.

LODI, FIRST. On Sunday, November 10th, the parents of the two younger departments of the church school were guests, and after the church service, those families and the leaders of the departments enjoyed a get-acquainted-pot-luck dinner. The Thanksgiving Day offering for missions amounted to $400.00. Rev. A. R. Boone is pastor.

SACRAMENTO, PIONEER. Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd A. Green, and Mr. and Mrs. Archie Sullivan were honored on their fiftieth wedding anniversaries by a church reception. Rev. Torrance Phelps is the pastor.

FAIRFAX. The Fellowship group for high school young people is gaining. Some headway is being made in church attendance. Mr. Frank K. McDowell is the pastor.

SANGER. The attendance and the offering on Mission Festival Sunday broke all records, the offering going above $1,000. Rev. Edward Hildebrand is pastor.

ADIN. Two married couples united with the church on December 8th. A Christmas pageant is being prepared. Rev. Dana A. Lane is the pastor.

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BERKELEY CALIFORNIA

CAMPBELL. A week end retreat for young people was held some weeks ago, since which time there has been a goodly number of Sunday School and college youth in church every Sunday. The churches of the vicinity have provided a paid teacher for week-day church classes. Two of the finest Scout and Cub groups are in this church. Rev. Robert Carlson is pastor.

BERKELEY, ARLINGTON. A candlelighting service celebrating the fourteenth anniversary of the beginning of this work was held on Thanksgiving Sunday. Mr. Ford Samuel, vice-moderator of the Bay Association, and two members of the original Directing Committee were present. Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Dimock, after many months of uncertainty, are established in a comfortable home.

HAYWARD. On Sunday, December 1st, while Rev. Richard Norberg, the pastor, was participating in a Laymen's Retreat, the pulpit was occupied by Rev. Robert Kennan, of Wailuku, Hawaii. Two identical services were held on Thanksgiving Sunday, since the church is filled to capacity on normal Sundays. The church has an active men's club.

SAN FRANCISCO, CALVARY. Attendance has increased 50 per cent. The Young Ladies' Guild recently cleared $500.00, making a gift to the church of $300.00. There is now $7,000.00 in the Building Fund. Rev. Haroutune Kartozian is the pastor.

PORT CHICAGO. Rev. W. C. Besselievre certainly identifies himself with the community, attending a large number of meetings during the month, including Lions Club, Boy Scout Committee, and Chamber of Commerce, in addition to groups connected with the church.

BERKELEY, FIRST. The fall seminars were largely attended and created great interest. On December 1 forty people were received into membership and six children were baptized. Rev. Vere V. Loper and Rev. J. Ford Forsyth are the pastors.

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MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

BENICIA. At a recent meeting of the ity Council, Rev. Elmo Wolfe, with a ominent Catholic lay woman, appeared d asked the officials in Benicia to clean p prostitution and gambling which were nning rampant. Newspapers had been otified in advance and reporters were resent. Within a few minutes of the resentation the hall was crowded. There ere many denials as to the conditions escribed but their existence was notorius. Before the evening had passed there as a widespread closing down. In other ommunities fear of what was to come esulted in like action. The problem now to keep the conditions cleaned up. Mr. Wolfe will appreciate advice growing ut of the experience of others who have aced like situations.

SACRAMENTO, SIERRA ARDEN. In pite of the tragic handicap of having no lace for public worship, and of having he church school broken up into three different homes, steady progress is being nade. Three young people's organizations neet on each Sunday evening in rapid uccession. Thirty-two different people were in attendance at some part of the State Conference. Laymen were also present at the Drobish Ranch Retreat. Rev. Mary McKee Chester and Rev. Joseph Chester are in charge.

FRESNO, JAPANESE. Rev. George Aki is hard at work. Attendance is most encouraging. A great deal of volunteer work has been done in making the building usable, for its suffered seriously as a result of its being rented. New Pilgrim hymnals have been ordered. Newspapers report that the War Assets Administration is awarding to this church an army chapel as a memorial to American born Japanese who gave their lives in military service. Mr. Aki was a chaplain with the famous 100th Battalion in Italy.

OROVILLE. The One Hundredth Anniversary of the A.M.A. was observed with a church supper and program. The film, "The Color of a Man," was shown. The offering amounted to $44.00. There are thirty-five members of a new young adult group which meets socially once a month and every second Sunday night for study. Total benevolences of the church will run over $1,700.00 for the year.

CROCKETT. Two splendid Thanksgiving services were held on the Sunday before Thanksgiving day. Primary departments shared in the morning service and the junior choir furnished music in the evening. The church was filled both times. The Ladies' Aid is preparing Christmas costumes for the annual White Christmas program. Rev. C. Virgil Carlson is the pastor.

ORINDA. Encouraging progress is being made toward the securing of a United States Army building to be moved to the excellent site owned by the church, which will give a much improved meeting place. Rev. Fred R. Morrow, the pastor, was one who attended the Evangelism Conference at Bakersfield.

SAN JOSE. The Membership Committee of the church is co-opting 25 associates, each of whom is to cultivate the acquaintance of one new family. The Pilgrim Fellowship is lifting its age level to include the older students at the college. Rev. S. C. Peabody is pastor.

ALAMEDA. The church has honored the men who served in the war by placing their names on a service plaque in the foyer. Rev. Ralph V. Conard, the pastor, exchanged pulpits with Rev. Elmo D. Wolfe of Benicia on November 17.

BERKELEY, NORTH. The fifty-fourth year of the organization of this church was celebrated at a home-coming service on Dec. 8th. Two former ministers, Rev. Ralph B. Larkin and Rev. Pierson Parker, were present. Following the church school session and the hour of morning worship, the recently organized orchestra played several selections. The sanctuary was filled, and following the service opportunity was given for each person present to become acquainted with every other one. The men's club has given a unit of $100 to the Unit Plan in memory of Mr. Roy C. Gwaltney, a former member. Rev. Eugene Haynes is pastor.

OAKLAND, FIRST. At the Thank Offering service of the Women's League, Mr. Roy Nichols, of the South Berkeley Church, and Mrs. Lewis Whitehead, of San Francisco Grace United, were speakers, both of them representing the Thank Offering Projects. More than $400.00 was contributed. On Thanksgiving Sunday the members of the church brought to the altar their pledges for the coming year. Thanksgiving baskets were distributed by the Social Service group. Rev. Clarence F. Reidenbach is pastor.

ALTURAS. Rev. Jerald Hood Snavely rendered notable service to this church while waiting for transportation to Shanghai, where he has accepted a call to the American Church. The Alturas people and the Conference office are jubilant in the taking over of the work by Rev. and Mrs. William Moll Case, who for so many years were at Reno. This church gave a dinner of appreciation to the Snavelys and of welcome to the Cases. Christmas plans are well under way.

LOOMIS. At a bazaar in November, more than $600.00 was cleared above all expense, which will be used for carpet, painting and redecorating the church. Two young men attended the Laymen's Retreat and reported at a Sunday morning laymen's hour. They recommended that a much larger proportion of laymen attending Retreats should be in the younger age group. Rev. J. H. Bennett is the pastor.

SAN LORENZO. In spite of repeated setbacks in the securing of a building for the new site, the church goes forward with confidence. New by-laws have been adopted. Gradually laymen of outstanding capacity are being enlisted and are undertaking definite responsibilities. The average attendance at Sunday School is about 145. Rev. Homer Schwarz is pastor.

SAN FRANCISCO, GRACE UNITED. This church is sponsoring a choral project. The project and church choirs furnished special music at the mass meeting at the First Congregational Church when Martin Niemueller spoke. Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Ross of the San Anselmo Seminary are now on the staff of the church, working in the religious education program. Rev. E. Leroy Abbott is the pastor.

PENNGROVE. Rev. George Hetenyi exchanged pulpits with Mr. George Tolson, of Santa Rosa, on a recent Sunday. Once a week he gives religious instruction in the Penngrove public school. On November 24, a forum was conducted, attended by 60 people, on Relations with Russia.

SAN FRANCISCO, PARK PRESIDIO. Before this issue reaches its readers, the long-standing and burdensome debt will have been cleared and the mortgage burned. Congratulations to Rev. R. W. Moon, the pastor, and to the loyal people.

CALAVERAS COUNTY. At Murphys on an October Sunday evening the men of the church held a panel discussion on "Moral issues at stake in the election." The 100th anniversary of the A.M.A. was observed by a drama and special offering one evening in November. At Angels Camp young people and adults have been working hard to complete the first unit of the Youth Center. The main floor will be for recreation, with kitchen facilities and a snack counter, the third floor for games and library. The church is hoping to secure a plywood building for an educational plant. Rev. Lawrence D. Granger is pastor.

TULARE. This church has had the unique experience of going away beyond its goal for financial support for the coming year and doing it in a surprisingly short time. Pledges for local support amounting to $7,599 are on hand, an increase of 95 per cent. Pledges have also been made for benevolences amounting to $1,168, a gain of 47 per cent, and for CWVR of $768, an increase of 45 per cent. More people are giving and the people are giving more. This was achieved without embarrassment or pressure. Rev. Clayton H. Gill is pastor.

SANTA ROSA. The Sunday before Thanksgiving was a Harvest Festival. The church was beautifully decorated with fruits and foliage of the season. There was special music and a capacity congregation greeted the minister, Mr. George Tolson. Dinner was served, there being nearly 250 people present. The Sunday School and the Couples' Club gave an appropriate program. Money for new choir robes is in hand, but material seems to be scarce.

MARTINEZ. Sixteen new members were received into the church on November 17. While Rev. Donald F. Gaylord, the pastor, was attending the Mt. Hermon laymen's retreat, Prof. Buell Gallagher occupied the pulpit. At the December church night fellowship dinner Rev. Herbert Gans of Petaluma was the speaker. The choir will give the Christmas cantata, "The Heavenly Child," on Friday, December 20.

GUERNEVILLE. At a meeting of the church school staff a film was presented showing how to teach a Sunday School class. Plans have been laid for a church school library. The children and young people subscribe generously to benevolences. The addition to the church building is in process of construction. Rev. Henry Hayden, the pastor, took a group of Boy Scouts to Berkeley to see the Oregon-California game.

PESCADERO. The women's guild has helped take care of a needy family at Thanksgiving time and sent a quilt to North Dakota Indian Reservation. The minister, Mr. Donald Kirkbride, has finally found a room so that he can spend week-ends instead of just Sundays on the field.

OAKLAND, FRUITVALE. On Thanksgiving Sunday, the 24th, new members were received into fellowship, bringing the total for the year up to 27. The attendance on that Sunday and the offering were at a high level. Rev. J. B. Orr is the pastor.

OAKLAND, PILGRIM. Mr. Leland Mahood has received a very hearty welcome. The average attendance at morning worship is more than 100. A beginning has been made in the building of the new hall, which is to be done by volunteer labor.

BERKELEY, SOUTH COMMUNITY. Mr. Roy Nichols, who has been pastor of this church since the very beginning of inter-racial work in the old Park Church building, has resigned to take effect December 31st. Pressure of parish details has prevented the completion of his theological work, and to that he will now turn his attention. The resignation was accepted with keen regret, and with appreciation for the outstanding work which has been done. The committee is actively at work in securing the strongest possible leader to take his place. Rev. Buell Gallagher, of Pacific School of Religion, will continue as co-pastor.

CLOVERDALE. This church and the community met with serious loss on November 13th in the death of Charles L. Sedgley. Mr. Sedgley had been clerk of the Cloverdale Church forty years. He had been associated with the bank at Cloverdale since 1903. For thirty-six years he was the city treasurer. He had been active in almost every civic and welfare enterprise in the community. He is survived by his widow, by three sisters and two brothers; and also by nieces and nephews. The church is being supplied during the month of December by Rev. L. Verdette Walters.

PETALUMA. Mrs. Herbert Gans, the wife of the pastor, recently preached on a Sunday morning at Sonoma. The financial effort for the coming year gives promise of going over the top. The maintenance for the three-year goal for benevolences and Postwar Emergency Fund that was set last year is assured. Young people of the Congregational and Evangelical and Reformed churches are organized in one Pilgrim Fellowship.

SAN MATEO. The news sheet known as "Pine Tree" is now published weekly. A special offering at the One Hundredth Anniversary Service for the A. M. A. amounted to more than $100.00, and the women's Thank Offering an equal amount. A new church constitution is being drafted. Indications during the first week following the Every Member Canvass are that the new and larger budget of the church will be covered. Rev. Sidney Buckham and Rev. Benton Gaskell are pastors.

KENWOOD. Eight new members were received into this Fellowship in October. Two Sunday evening groups have been formed, one of young married couples and another of high school and junior college ages. The groups join in a candlelight service of worship and then separate for a discussion period. Church attendance has increased. Rev. H. J. Loken, the pastor, preached at a Union Service of the Churches of the Valley.

PALO ALTO. On the Sunday following the broadcast by Mr. Robert Scott, on atheism, Rev. Augustine Jones preached on "Why Atheism Is Untenable," inviting Mr. Scott to be present. The Pilgrim Fellowship netted $110.00 at a "White Elephant" sale.

SANTA CRUZ. The Union Thanksgiving Service was held in this church, with Rev. H. S. Mahood presiding. The building was crowded. The four groups of women's clubs and the three guilds conducted a successful bazaar.

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Edited by Miss Helen M. Perkins

OLD YEAR AND NEW YEAR

The Annual Meeting will be held on the FIFTH Thursday in January, not the third, as usual. The reason for this change is that normally our president attends the Missions Council of the denomination held in the east in January and it is impossible for her to reach the destination in time if our Annual Meeting comes the third Thursday. By making our date the last Thursday of the month, we have the added advantage of hearing reports from the Missions Council at that meeting. We will meet next, then, January 30, 1947, in Grace United Church of the Mission, San Francisco.

The last meeting of 1946 for the women of the Federation was well attended and full of interest. The widespread needs of our missionaries and their flocks were brought to us by several of our secretaries. Mrs. L. K. Doty, Friendly Service secretary, has received letters and definite requests from missionaries of our Board all over the world. She gave the names of the missionaries and their fields, and asks that your groups will select one to help. Send Mrs. Doty the name you have chosen and she will send you the information as to articles needed and mailing requirements. These names follow: Mrs. A. F. Christoferson, South Africa; Mrs. John S. Marsh, Mrs. William S. Webb, and Miss Louise Torrance, Mt. Silinda, Africa; Rev. and Mrs. Duane V. Waln, Chilesso, Africa; Mrs. Thomas G. Ross, Bombay, India; Miss Oline Nicholson and Rev. Lloyd Lorbeer, Madura, India; Miss Helen H. Smith, Foochow, China; Miss Harriet Yarrow, Tarsus, Turkey; Miss Dorothy Blatter, Istanbul, Turkey; Rev. N. N. Isley, Gazientep, Turkey; Rev. Walter Tong, Philippines; Rev. and Mrs. Howard C. Shomer, France.

Word was also brought that the North China Mission is in great need of good magazines or books, such magazines as National Geographic, Reader's Digest, and Popular Mechanics, were suggested. These should be well wrapped and sent, a few at a time, to Miss Alice Huggins, in care of Dr. Earle H. Ballou, 29 Teng Shih K'ou, Peking, Hopei, China.

Mrs. Scott Haymond, Young People's secretary, brought a most interesting report of some of the activities of the Pilgrim Fellowship groups. A goodly number of them had been at the General Council meeting at Grinnell in the summer, and in addition to attending the scheduled meetings of that body, they held their own meetings, after the Council meetings closed, at Doane College, Nebraska. From August 24 to September 1 they had their Pilgrim Fellowship camp at Cazadero. They are working toward a $5,200 budget, almost two-thirds of which will go to straight missionary work. Out of about 150 in attendance, twelve came forward to commit themselves to full time Christian service.

Cazadero has needs, too. Before the next season starts there will have to be secured: cups, saucers, bowls (serving bowls and individual bowls), knives, forks, and spoons. If you have any of these write Rev. W. W. Meyer, 2345 Channing Way, Berkeley 4. Don't send them until you have heard from him. If you have none and could send Mr. Meyer $5 or $10 to be used in purchasing some, that would be a great help.

Rev. Ralph V. Conard, who came to us representing the Postwar Emergency Program, left with us the thought that, great as the material needs of the world are, the chief responsibility of the churches is for spiritual rebuilding. He referred to the 400 missionaries who sailed to their fields recently and to the 600 now ready to go, and added: "The world needs our prayers, our Bibles, and our missionaries."

Mrs. Sanford Siegrist, Literature chairman, brought with her the Supplementary Reading List for our guidance. Our reading year, you remember, lasts through the first three months of the new year, so we have time to make a good showing. Some of the books that Mrs. Siegrist emphasized, both from the old list and the new, were "The Christian Heritage in America," by Dr. George Hedley, whom many of us have heard with pleasure and profit; "The Bomb that Fell on America," by Hagedorn, which was mentioned in the previous issue of The Pacific; "Doctors East and Doctors West," by E. H. Hume, M.D., an account of an American physician's life in China; "My Indian Family," an extremely interesting account (partly fictional) of the experiences of a European mother-in-law in an East Indian family.

There was such a full list of possible speakers available through the Speakers' Bureau that your editor could not keep pace with the names as read. Write to the chairman, Mrs. Chester Marliave, 420 Boynton Ave., Berkeley 7, for information.

Mrs. Stephen Peabody, Social Action Secretary, was unable to be present, but sent word that she has copies of a "True or False" test on "Race," gotten out of the head of the Educational Division of Race Relations of the American Missionary Association; questions frequently raised on matters of Race answered definitively and scientifically. Send to Mrs. Peabody for them: 70 So. 17th St., San Jose 12. Mrs. Peabody also asks that we urge Washington to free the 1300 Conscientious Objectors now imprisoned in this country.

A delightful talk was given in the afternoon by our Hospitality chairman, Mrs. E. V. Krick, whom we hear and see far too seldom at our meetings. She told us of the workings and plans of our Chinese Union Christian Academy in San Francisco, known by its briefer Chinese name, Hip Wo. The school has a board of directors, half Caucasian and half Chinese, whose president Mrs. Krick was for a number of years. The school is the joint project of three boards—Congregational, Presbyterian, and Methodist. Its purpose is the teaching of the Chinese language (both Mandarin and Cantonese), history, literature, and traditions, to fit the students for work among their own people both in America and in China. As its name indicates, its paramount concern is to surround these young people with Christian influences. The language teaching they can get from the Tong schools; the Christian influence, only through Hip Wo.

Your editor regrets that there is no space for interesting reports from Mrs. Buell Gallagher on the Mills College International Institute and from Miss Mary Coxhead on her recent experiences in England working in the bombed areas.

Remember the date of our Annual Meeting: January 30, 1947, Grace United Church of the Mission, San Francisco.

Miss Alice English, formerly of Grace United Church, San Francisco, is now Mrs. Ross Linsenmayer of Pacific Palisades.

CONFERENCE BOARD APPOINTS COMMITTEES

(See November issue for officers and committees elected at Sacramento)

At the November and December meetings of the Executive Committee of the Conference Board of Directors careful attention was given to the appointment of the working committees. There will probably be some changes and additions, but as it now stands the list is as follows:

Apportionment Distribution: Rev. Fred R. Morrow, Mrs. E. W. Benedict, Rev. Jason Noble Pierce.

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New Work: Rev. Sidney H. Buckham, Rev. Robert W. Inglis, Mr. C. R. Van Buskirk.

Social Action: Rev. Buell Gallagher, Mrs. Stephen C. Peabody, Mr. Lance Barden, Rev. Norio Ozaki, Rev. Richard C. Norberg, Mr. Dayton Axtell, Dr. Prescott Thompson.

Student Work: Rev. Vere V. Loper, Rev. Noel J. Breed, Dr. Bertha S. Mason, Rev. John H. Gregg, Dr. Wm. Hawley Davis, Miss Mary Elizabeth Said, Miss Celia Elmore.

Young People's Work: Rev. Elmo D. Wolfe, Rev. G. Arthur Casaday, Rev. Maurice L. de Vries, Rev. Clayton H. Gill, Rev. Robert L. Carlson, Miss Claudine Swanson, Mr. Bruce MacKenzie, Mr. John Towers, Miss Sara Garrison, Rev. H. E. Warber.

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Sailing on S.S. Marine Lynx on Dec. 15 were: for North China: Mrs. James A. Hunter and Phyllis, Miss Gladys Williams, Prof. and Mrs. Stanley D. Wilson, Miss Emma B. Noreen, Miss Helen Dizney, Miss Ruth E. Van Kirk, Miss Grace M. Boynton, Miss Mabel H. Reiff, Rev. and Mrs. A. O. Rinden and Edith Ann; for Foochow: Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Jackson, Prof. and Mrs. Roderick Scott, Mrs. Guy A. Thelin and Mark and Robert, Rev. and Mrs. E. Walter Smith and E. Walter, Jr. and Margaret, Dr. Edward C. Riggs; for Philippines: Rev. and Mrs. Elton W. Brown and Elton, Jr., and Rebecca Jane.

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